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Selectmen's Minutes 01-09-2006

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, January 9, 2006
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.
 Absent: Mr. Greeley.

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: December 19, 2006
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: New Election Workers
 Elizabeth M. Beatrice, 142 Brooks Ave., Pct. 2, D
 Noreen Duggan, 26 Mayflower Rd., Pct. 18, D
 Frances A. Lewis, 11 Valentine Rd., Pct., 18, R
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
3. Discussion: Senator Jarrett Barrios
 Senator Barrios explained the components of the Anti- Gang Initiative, that he helped originate, and that the Senate passed unanimously and the House is in favor of passing later this week. He explained three main components that the initiative focuses on:
 1) tools of the prosecutor, 2) need to go after/eliminate guns, and 3) prevention factors. Senator Barrios informed the Board that there is \$11 million dollars available in June through grants to help local municipalities combat gang crime. He urged Arlington to apply and write these grants in collaboration with multiple groups and organizations.

LICENSES & PERMITS

Request: Contractors/Drain Layer Renewals

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
 The contractors that did not fulfill their bond and insurance requirements must do so prior to the issuance of their renewal license.

5. Request: One Day All Alcohol License @ Gibbs Gym, 3/18/06, 6-11 p.m.

Karen Donovan, Lesley Ellis School
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
 It was recommended that Ms. Donovan contact Mr. Maher to fulfill insurance requirements.

6. Discussion: Racial Driven Mail

William Shea

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Shea for the information and unanimously agreed that Arlington will not tolerate these hate mail literature drops and that they do not reflect the Town's values. There is concern and agreement that the Town does not want to publicize the hate organization names and messages. The Board agreed on taking a lead and stating it absolutely does not accept these messages and needs to find ways to be more aggressive in responding to these sporadic hate mail drops.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Elsie Fiore, Conservation Commission, thanked the Selectmen and Mr. Maher for their decision and actions regarding the sewer overflows in East Arlington.

Mrs. Fiore also reported that the Conservation Commission took the developer at the Alewife Reservation to task for not filing notice of the intent to do work regarding a 60' path on Arlington property. She will forward letters that were sent from Conservation members to the Selectmen later this week.

8:00 p.m.

7. **Introduction: Judge Rudolph Kass**

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Phil McCarthy, Chairman of the Selectmen's Cable Advisory Committee, introduced Judge Kass stating all of his qualifications and requested that the Board appoint him as the Hearing Officer for the Comcast negotiations.

Ms. Dias moved to appoint Judge Kass as Hearing Officer. SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. LaCourt moved to authorize the Town Manager, Town Counsel, and outside counsel to promulgate rules and regulations of how the hearing shall proceed. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to authorize the Board Administrator to pay the negotiated hourly rate to Judge Kass out of the Cable Fund. SO VOTED (4-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

8. **Request: 2 Fifteen-Minute Parking Spaces/203 Broadway**

William Smith

Ms. LaCourt moved approval and referred this matter to Mr. Sullivan. SO VOTED (4-0)

9. **Request: On Street Overnight Parking**

Tony Hill, 11 Sutherland Rd.

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer to the parking sub-committee. SO VOTED (4-0)

10. **Request: 2 Hour Parking @ Park Ave. to Wollaston Ave.**

James Gibbons, Moderator, Park Ave. Congregational Church

Mrs. Mahon referred to Mr. Sullivan and moved approval of the following Police recommendations:

1) recommends no change on Paul Revere Road and 2) has no objection to increasing the 2 hour parking area on Park Avenue to Wollaston Avenue (the location must be properly posted by Public Works)

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. **Discussion: Walgreens, 1425 Mass. Ave./Extended Hours to 11:00 p.m.**

David Onanian, Manager

(from 1/13/05 meeting)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

12. **Recommendation: Quincy Street: Safety and Signage**

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mrs. Dias moved approval of the immediate recommendation to replace the faded stop sign on Quincy St. at the intersection with Gray St. and the future recommendation to install warning signs at the two Quincy St. crosswalks (four signs in total).

SO VOTED (4-0)

13. **Recommendation: Request for yellow lines Highland Ave. Near Mass. Ave.**

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved approval for the recommendation of painting a yellow mid-line for the first 60 ' or so of Highland Ave. at the intersection with Mass. Ave. SO VOTED (4-0)

14. **Recommendations: George Street Private Way**

Jeff Maxtutis, Transportation Advisory Committee

Ms. LaCourt moved approval for the recommendation that the Town pursue the taking of the private way as a public way and install a sidewalk-this would require a Town Meeting warrant. SO

VOTED (4-0)

15. Discussion: Transportation Advisory Committee East Arlington Parking Survey

Scott Smith, Transportation Advisory Committee

Scott Smith presented the survey results and the Committee recommendations. The survey and results are posted on the Transportation Advisory Committee's

Website: www.tac.arlington.ma.us/.

The Board of Selectmen concluded that no motion or vote would be done at this time and that additional measures must be taken to get majority support from the residents of the proposed recommendations.

16. FY 2007 Budget Presentation

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan reported that the FY2007 Budget distributed to the Board earlier is in a line item format. There will be a second public budget document distributed by the end of January/beginning of February with detailed summaries and narratives of revenues and department objectives as well as more summary analysis. It was agreed that the Selectmen would meet at a future date to go over the FY2007 Budget, allowing time for everyone to analyze the data. Mr. Hurd will arrange dates and times agreeable for the Selectmen, Town Manager, and department heads.

17. Discussion: Auto Mileage Reimbursement

Ruth Lewis, Comptroller & Coordinator of Information Systems

Mrs. Mahon moved approval to increase the standard mileage rate for 2006, to 44.5 cents per mile.

SO VOTED (4-0)

18. Request: Amendment to Park Curfew Bylaw

Oakes Plimpton

Mr. Plimpton requested the Board's support to change the bylaws of Park curfews to extend curfew to 10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Ms. LaCourt moved to refer this request to the Park and Recreation Commission.

SO VOTED (4-0)

19. Request: On Street Handicap Parking

Maria Zakaria, 32 Waldo Rd.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Christopher Loreti ZBA Docket No. 3275 Be Rec'd
56 Adams St.

John F. Maher City of Cambridge CSO Appeal Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Kenneth Carey 128 Brattle Lane Be Rec'd
3 Farmers Circle

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon thanked Mr. Maher for his work on the CSO Appeal and thanked Mr. Sullivan for the information on 128 Brattle Lane.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Arlington D.P.W. has been in touch with Winchester on an environmental report regarding the Winchester flood control project.

Mrs. Mahon requested that Mr. Sullivan write a warrant article regarding the Cemetery space issue.

Mrs. Mahon asked that Mr. Sullivan thank Mrs. Malloy for going above and beyond for Mr. Conroy and his future civil service certifications.

Mrs. Dias announced that she will not be running for re-election this year and that she has been honored serving Arlington as a Selectmen for the last 15 years. Mr. Hurd expressed sadness for her decision, thanked her for her service, and wished her well.

Mr. Hurd stated that he would be working with Mr. Sullivan to have documents and information linked to the Town web page. They will work on identifying all lists and a quick way to have information distributed to these lists.

Mr. Hurd stated that the League of Woman Voters would be a future agenda item to go over election issues.

Mr. Hurd requested that the Town look into a way to update technology at the Stratton and Thompson Schools because their improvement plans will not be happening in the near future.

Ms. LaCourt reported that you could subscribe to the E-list and opt not to receive comments back. She suggested that the Town can run/create it's own E-list.

Ms. LaCourt announced that ITAC meets the 3rd Thursday of every month and would be able to help with technology needs.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

A true record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan